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Padmanabha Swamy temple and the rents were being separately accounted for. He thought that it would not be proper for Government to go and convert the paddy tax into money in regard to these lands. I have now reconsidered the question and read the papers on the subject and I completely agree with Mr. Madhava Rao's views in the matter. Government are not prepared to make any alteration in regard to the Sripandaravagai lands.

Though I have not been addressed about the Kandukrishi lands, I may mention that the question of their management is being enquired into and will be carefully considered.

3. Revision of the rules about settlement of cherikkal lands.

Mr. K. G. Parameswara Menon (Member, Changanacheri Taluk) urged that the following modifications in the rules *re* settlement of cherikkal lands were necessary in the interests of the holders of such lands:— (1) that the rates of assessment should be reduced, (2) that a reduction of 20 per cent. should be made from the total extent to cover unprofitable areas, (3) that *tharavila* should not be recovered, (4) that the value of trees of below 10 vannams in girth should not be realized, (5) that only one-eighth of the assessment should be levied on Devaswom and Brahmaswom cherikkals, and (6) that the limit of 100 acres fixed for individual registry should be raised, if the restriction could not be wholly removed.

Mr. T. R. Narayana Pillai (Member, Ettumanur Taluk) supported the prayer.

Mr. K. K. Kuruvila (Member, Agricultural Association, Changanacheri) presented a memorandum on the subject as the head of 62 cherikkal holders owning 42,000 acres and requested a hearing.

Dewan's reply.— I shall go through this question with Mr. Kuruvila after the Assembly is over. I shall also gladly meet the deputation who wish to see me about it as soon as the Assembly is over.

4. Change in kist months and the number of instalments.

Mr. N. Sankara Pillai (Member, Muvattupuzha Taluk) requested that the kist months for the Kanni crop might be changed from Kanni and Thulam to Vrischikom and Dhanu. Until the crops were harvested which was done in Vrischikom, they could not realise the money to pay tax. He also prayed for increasing the number of instalments at least from four to six, if not ten as formerly.

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